# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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TRACTION TARIFFS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some State Electricity Boards have refused to reduce traction tariffs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Railways explored the other possibilities to obtain power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (b) Presently, Railway is purchasing traction power from 17 States Electricity Boards (SEBs) and two other power companies situated in 17 states. Out of these 17 states, State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) are functioning in 11 statesSERCs decide the revision of tariff periodically as and when the proposals are submitted by the State Electricity Boards/Distribution licensees after examining presentations from different consumers including Railways. During the current financial year, Railways have been able to get reduction in tariff in 3 states, avoided increase in 2 states and limited the increase in 2 states by appropriate presentation. However, so far Railways have not fully succeeded in securing reasonable tariff as ordained under Section 29 of the ERC Act,1998, in terms of which the tariff should progressively reflect the cost of supply of electricity. Out of remaining 6 states, there has been no positive response in regard to reduction in traction tariff.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Railways have explored the following possibilities:

(i) Availing direct power supply from Central Generating Agencies like NTPC,

(ii) Purchasing power from Independent Power Producers, and

(iii) Captive power generation in joint venture.

Success has been achieved by availing direct power supply from NTPC for Ghaziabad- Kanpur section of Northern Railway since November, 2000. Proposals for availing power from NTPC at other places are under active consideration in consultation with Ministry of Power.